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Regent Porto Montenegro debuts with designs by ReardonSmith Architects and ReardonSmith Landscape

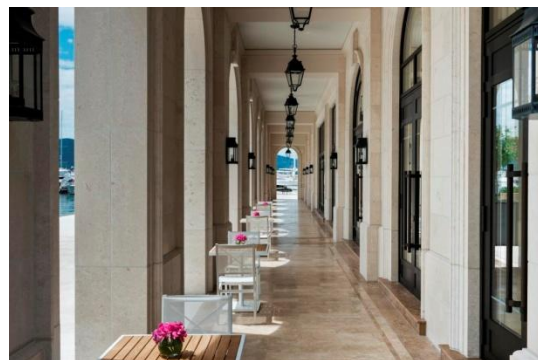


Main entrance

(London - 25 September 2014) The Regent Porto Montenegro designed by ReardonSmith Architects and ReardonSmith Landscape has now opened its doors. The first hotel in this glamorous new marina destination, whose original masterplan was also created by ReardonSmith, it is Regent’s second property in Europe and its seventh worldwide. Designed with a style inspired by the exquisite houses that grace the region’s beautiful Adriatic coastline, the building’s architecture also responds to the classical manner of the grand palazzos of the Italian lakes. While the hotel’s scale and style is imposing amongst its smaller neighbours, the relationship with them is also clear. All the buildings are clad in Montenegrin stone and render and are topped with terracotta roof tiles; the arched colonnade that wraps around the hotel is typical in the region and provides shaded areas in the summer months as well as protection during the rainy season.



Main entrance vestibule



Gourmet Corner colonnade

Patrick Reardon, Executive Chairman of ReardonSmith Architects, says “We are delighted to see the opening of Regent Porto Montenegro, the newest achievement in our seven years-to-date programme to transform what was once a decommissioned naval base into what it is today – not only a spectacular yachting enclave but also a thriving, working town. It has been particularly rewarding since this is our first completed project involving both the architecture and landscape teams at ReardonSmith.”

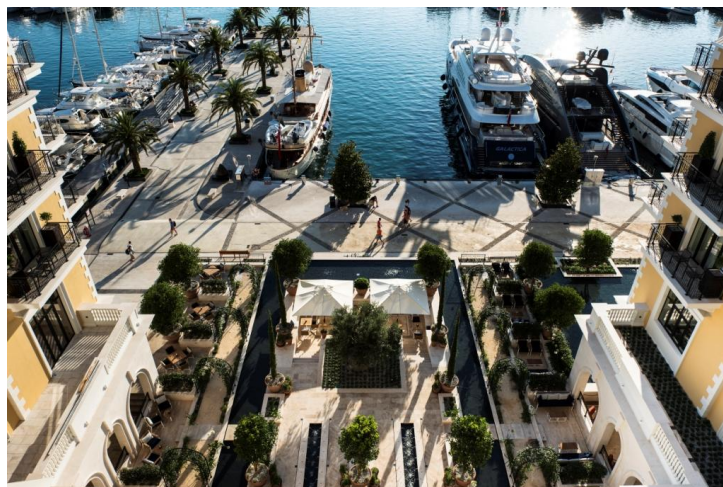


Marina view from penthouse



Deluxe Room Seaview Terrace

Directly on the waterfront of the Boka bay, and with a large inlet, Venice Square Basin, to one side, the hotel gives its guests an exclusive connection with sea and marina. The restaurants, bars and banqueting space are all on the sea-facing side of the building and the main entrance, on the street side, is located to frame the view of the water beyond; all the guestrooms and apartments offer spectacular sea or mountain views.



Penthouse view onto Italian Garden

Regent Porto Montenegro comprises 51 double bedrooms and 35 suites and residences. Two four-bedroom penthouses each with a plunge pool and surrounded by large terraces top the two sea-facing wings. Designed for maximum flexibility, they can be converted into different configurations and released back to the hotel to create additional capacity. Two two-bedroom penthouses top the central section of the fifth floor, and also have enviable views down to the tranquil garden outside and across the Boka. The guestrooms are typically 40–45 sq metres, excluding their generously sized balconies.



Library Bar Terrace

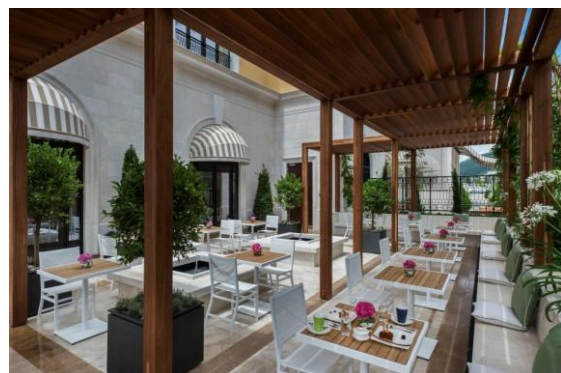


Library Bar Reflecting Pools

Along the colonnade, guests will find the indoor/outdoor spaces of the main lobby, Library Bar, Gourmet Corner patisserie café and The Dining Room restaurant, with sunken terraces surrounded by calm water channels and reflecting pools that provide secluded nooks for alfresco dining and drinking. Inside, the double-height atrium accommodates a tea lounge which leads out to the garden.



Gourmet Corner



Gourmet Corner Terrace

A grand staircase connects the lobby to the first floor which accommodates the main function space. Extending the length of the hotel between the two wings, it looks onto a 20 metre outdoor infinity edge swimming pool directly outside its full-height, glazed façade doors. Guests may also enjoy indoor swimming and vitality pools which look onto the sea from within the extensive Regent Spa. Designed to

have multiple luxurious treatment rooms, the spa also includes specialist elements such as a sauna, a steam room, a hammam and a gym. The Regent Yacht Club, an exclusive members' area comprising a lounge and a private room, is also on this level and looks over the sea and Venice Square.



Outdoor Infinity Pool



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“The new Regent Porto Montenegro will undoubtedly be the outstanding hotel along this part of the Adriatic coast”, says Ross Blunt, Associate Director of ReardonSmith Architects. “The architectural design is all about creating connections with the stunning natural landscape: the mountains to one side, and on the other, the sea.”

The interior design of the Regent Porto Montenegro is by Tino Zervudachi of Mlinaric, Henry and Zervudachi.

ReardonSmith Landscape

ReardonSmith Landscape has designed the central gardens and public realm colonnades in a classic Italianate manner with trees and plants sourced from Italy as befits the architectural style of the hotel. Clipped hedges and flowering foliage provide privacy and frame the porphyry stone drop-off plaza to create a grand sense of arrival as cars approach both the main and the VIP entrances. The central courtyard water garden with gravel-edged planting creates the appearance of the raised landscape being planted in terra firma rather than over the concrete structural slab of the subterranean car park. Although the layout is restricted to the loading capacity of the garage’s columns and beams, mature evergreen trees and ornamental shrubs are in abundant supply; their suggestion of formality is softened by details such as stepping stones placed across water rills.



The Italian Garden



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Throughout the garden, wafting scents engage the senses; formal archways are covered in jasmine blossoms, and fragrant herbs such as thyme, lavender, oregano, sage and mint not only add to the enjoyment of the gardens, they will also become ingredients in hotel's signature cocktails. A beautiful ancient olive tree is illuminated at night to highlight its gnarled, sculptural trunk and branches and create a memorable focal point.



The Dining Room Terrace

“The design and implementation of the public realm, gardens and private terraces at Regent Porto Montenegro has been a real labour of love” says Ed Freeman, Director of ReardonSmith Landscape, “and we look forward to seeing them mature and improve over time to become our vision of a verdant village setting.”

The construction of the hotel has coincided with the expansion of the marina from 185 to 400 berths, 87 of which are for yachts over 45 meters, and a new refit and maintenance facility for superyachts, as well as the continuing development of apartments, boutiques and restaurants.

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About Porto Montenegro

Porto Montenegro is located in the Bay of Kotor on Montenegro’s Adriatic coast. It is one of Europe’s largest natural deep-water harbours which, over the centuries, helped to make the area a thriving centre of commercial and artistic life, and today a UNESCO World Heritage site. Porto Montenegro covers 24 hectares of land extending along the coast with wooded mountains rising steeply behind. Porto Montenegro has been hailed as ‘the new Monaco’ and described by the Montenegrin government as “expected to set the standard for the development of future sustainable resorts and yachting marinas in the Mediterranean and other parts of the world”.

About ReardonSmith Architects

ReardonSmith Architects is an award-winning global leader in hotel and resort design. The practice has an unrivalled track record in the restoration and rebuilding of luxury hotels in London, an enviable reputation for the design of new destinations in Europe and the widest experience of hotel architecture across the entire spectrum of new- build and existing estates. The company’s achievement stems from a profound understanding of hotels – as an asset, an operation and as a guest experience.

Based near London Bridge, ReardonSmith employs some 50 architects and technicians, and is led by its founding partners as well as by a senior team of talented individuals, all of who have distinguished careers in hotel design.

Current and recent projects include: master planning and subsequent phases of Porto Montenegro; a total of six new hotels in Azerbaijan amongst which are the Four Seasons and JW Marriott Absheron in Baku; and a new luxury hotel in Astana, capital of Kazakhstan. London projects include: The Beaumont; The Lanesborough; The Savoy; Four Seasons London; InterContinental London Park Lane; 50 St. James’s and several boutique projects for Cadogan Estates.

About ReardonSmith Landscape

ReardonSmith Landscape is the dedicated landscape design division established by ReardonSmith Architects in 2013. The team’s comprehensive services include the seamless integration of architecture and landscape master plans from project outset, concept development, detailed designs and on-site realisation. Led by award-winning landscape architect and urban designer Ed Freeman, ReardonSmith Landscape is committed to innovation, partnership and enhancing the environment.

Current landscape projects include: a new luxury hotel in Astana, Kazakhstan; Jasper Hotel Abuja, Nigeria; Cap d'Ail Marina, Monaco; and a master plan for the financial district of Kuala Lumpur. Prior to the formation of ReardonSmith Landscape, Ed also worked with ReardonSmith on several earlier phases of Porto Montenegro as well as the Four Seasons Baku in Azerbaijan.

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